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SUBJECT: SOVIET APPROACH TO SWEDEN ON CSCE

- 1. MFA SECRETARY-GENERAL SVERKER ASTROM, DURING A RECENT PRIVATE CONVERSATION, GAVE THE AMBASSADOR A BRIEF REVIEW OF POSITIONS TAKEN BY SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ZEMSKOV DURING HIS VISIT TO STOCKHOLM TO CONSULT ON UNGA PREPARATIONS (STOCKHOLM 4831). ASTROM SAID THERE WERE NO SURPRISES IN THE SOVIET STATEMENTS, AND THE SWEDISH SIDE HAD OF COURSE STATED ITS OWN VIEWS ON IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.
- 2. ASTROM SINGLED OUT FOR MENTION THE DISCUSSION ON CSCE FOLLOW-UP. HE SAID ZEMSKOV HAD PUSHED RATHER VIGOROUSLY FOR SWEDISH SUPPORT IN STAGING THE THREE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCES (TRANSPORT, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT) WHICH BREZHNEV FIRST RAISED. ASTROM SAID DESPITE SOVIET EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR THE THREE CONFERENCES, THE SWEDES REPLIED FIRMLY THAT THEY SAW NO NEED FOR THREE SEPARATE CONFERENCES ON PARTICULAR ASPECTS BUT BELIEVED CSCE FOLLOW-UP COULD ALL BE HANDLED THROUGH THE BELGRADE MEETING.

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- 3. IN PARTICULAR ON THE SUBJECT OF ENERGY, ASTROM SAID HE HAD TOLD ZEMSKOV THAT SWEDEN AND OTHER COUNTRIES WERE ALREADY WORKING DILIGENTLY ON THE SUBJECT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY PROBLEMS, IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORUMS, AND SAW NO NEED FOR A SEPARATE CONFERENCE ON THE SUBJECT IN THE CSCE CONTEXT. ASTROM COMMENTED THAT ZEMSKOV AND HIS COLLEAGUES SEEMED SURPRISED THAT ASTROM SPOKE IN SUCH DETAIL ABOUT ALREADY-EXISTING COOPERATION.
- 4. THE AMBASSADOR'S IMPRESSION WAS THAT ASTROM EXPECTED THE SOVIETS TO PURSUE THE THREE CONFERENCES WITH CONTINUED VIGOR. SMITH

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